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I strongly disagree with the settlement that has been publicly touted in this case. From my perspective as a business person in this industry, Microsoft has destroyed competition, stifled creativity and has exposed this country to irreparable harm.

The arrogance shown by this monopoly and defiance of the law coupled with products which expose us to significant harm are a direct result of their apparent invulnerability.

The settlement is a coup for Microsoft. It provides junk computers and Microsoft software to kids. A marketing win for them. Nowhere do those who were harmed see compensation or recognition.

I hold that Microsoft should be made accountable to those who claim harm from their manipulation of the market as a monopoly. Further, Microsoft should be made to compensate those who have been harmed by the poor software allowing hackers to infect their sites.

I would gladly offer additional comments if you would like another voice in the chorus.

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